

NEW CHURCHES.—At the monthly meeting of the society for promoting the enlargement, building and repairing of churches and chapels, held last week, grants were voted for the erection of new churches in the districts of Rainow, in the parish of Prestbury; Homer-ton, in the parish of Hackney; Ramsbottom, in the parish of Bury; Chapelton, near Sheffield; Melpisish, near Bridport; Bishop's Sutton, near Bristol; and Bensham, in the parish of Gateshead. Towards rebuilding the parish churches of Wolsingham, near Dur-ham; Woolsthorpe, near Grantham; Fair-light, near Hastings; Great Mugrave, near Brough; and Kingswear, near Dartmouth. Also towards increasing the accommodation by various means in the churches at Brough-ton, near Manchester; Gorleston, near Yar-mouth; Nailhead, near Bristol; Brompton Relp, near Wiveliscomb; and East Knoyle, near Hindon.

BRITISH ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—The rival bodies are coming into closer col-lision. In consequence, as we learn, of the pressing invitations received from Winchester by the committee appointed at the general meeting held in London, they have determined to adhere to the original plan and hold their congress there in August. Lord Albert Con-yngham has consented to preside. The meeting advertised by the other party is pro-posed to take place in September. Now is the time for all those who desire that the society should not be wrecked, and are not mere partisans, to come forward and declare they will not attend either meeting, unless a coalition be brought about. A statement to that effect, signed by a hundred members of the association would surely induce both com-mittees to pause before they risked failure.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, GOSPORT.—The foundation-stone of this church was laid in the presence of a large assemblage of persons of all ranks, by the venerable Archdeacon Wilberforce, assisted by the neighbouring clergy, on Thursday, the 10th ult. The site was presented by her Majesty's Honourable Board of Ordnance, together with land for ex-tensive national schools. The style of archi-tecture is the early English; Mr. Benjamin Ferrey is the architect, and Mr. D. Nicholson of Wandsworth, the builder.

RESTORATION OF STEPNEY CHURCH.—An effort is now making to restore and enlarge the old parish church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, which has long been suffered to lie in a state of neglect and dilapidation. To carry out the proposed objects as they ought to be, the sum of 4,000*l.* will be required, and as it is not possible to raise the whole amount among the inhabitants, the public at large have been appealed to for assistance.

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

[We are compelled by the interference of the Stamp Office to omit the names of the parties to whom tenders, &c., are to be addressed. For the convenience of our readers however, they are entered in a book, and may be seen on application at the office of "The Builder," 2, York street, Covent-garden.]

For the works required in the extensive enlarge-ment of the Liverpool Workhouse for the several branches as follows:—Excavating and Brickwork, Masonry, including flagging, Joiners and Carpenters, work, including Ironmongery, Plumbing and Glaz-ing, Smith's Work, Slatting and Plastering, and Painting.

For taking down part of the present County Gaol of Lincoln, and erecting a New Building on the site thereof, with airing yards and other re-quisites.

For building Sewers in Helmet-court, Worm-wood-street; Sweet Apple-court, Bishopsgate-street; Fire Bell Court, Houndsditch; and Garden-court, Petticoat-lane; for the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London.

For the reparation of ten houses in Houndsditch. The whole to be finished by the end of August.

For the maintenance of the Birmingham railway between the Euston and Rugby stations.

For the erection of an office for the Manchester and Leeds Railway Company.

For building a school-room in London near the bridges.

For the supplying of such quantities of Broken Guernsey Granite as may be required by the Board for Repairing the Highways in the parish of Clerkenwell.

For the supply and delivery in Bristol of about 300 tons of cast-iron Water-pipes, of various di-mensions, from 7 inches downwards, with certain elbows, nozzles, &c.

For the Masonry Work of several Viaducts and Bridges.

For the formation and completion of a new Drain, being about eleven miles long, twenty yards wide, and five yards deep, for the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners. Also for the erection of a Staunch, several Bridges of wood with brick abutments, together with the necessary culverts, and other works.

For the performance of the Works connected with the erecting of the new Pier at Penzance.

For the erection of the Borough Gaol, Bir-mingham.

For the supply of 1,200 lineal yards of 11-16th best attested, close, short-linked Chain.

For the erection of a Building in London for a highly-patronized purpose, at the estimated cost of about 30,000*l.*

COMPETITIONS.

Plans for a Church to be erected within the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull.

Plans, sections, and elevations for a Terminus, and other requisite accompanying offices, for the Great Southern and Western Railway, Ireland.

APPROACHING SALES OF WOOD, &c.

BY AUCTION.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"J. P.," on the Art and Construction of Brickwork, next week. We shall hope to find more information in succeeding articles.

"W. Couch."—We have received the specimens of "stone enbalment," and shall be glad to learn something of the process and cost.

"Consumption of Smoke."—A correspondent wishes to learn the most simple and efficacious mode of consuming the smoke from the furnaces of a boiler or large copper, and will be glad to receive particulars from patentees.

"Building Materials."—A correspondent sug-gests that returns of the market price of building materials in various districts of the country would be valuable. We shall be glad to receive such from provincial correspondents.

"H. B." must give notice to the district sur-veyor before he constructs the furnace. The earthen chimney tube, as pointed out, would not be permitted. There does not seem to be any reason why the furnace should not be built in the position of present stone. The 8th clause of schedule F. must be looked to.

"F. A."—There is unfortunately no royal road to a knowledge of arches and vaults: it must be gained from many sources. Our correspondent will find Ware's "Tracts on Vaults, &c.," and Gwilt's "Treatise on the Equilibrium of Arches," valuable assistants. The last part of the trans-actions of the Institute of Architects contains an important paper on the subject by Professor Willis.

"J. E. G." shall appear: we are obliged to our correspondent.

"W. M." is thanked for the suggestion: we will look to the paper in question.

"Semper Idem" next week.

"T. A.," the reply seems unnecessary.

"M."—Plans are to be sent in on or before the 8th inst. Further information can be obtained from the Rev. R. Kemp Bailey, B.A., Hull.

Received:—"Dolman's Magazine," No. 3; "The Literary Journal of the London Mechanics' Institution," No. 2; "The Medical Times for April."

MEETINGS OF SCIENTIFIC BODIES

During the ensuing week.

MONDAY, May 5. — Entomological, 17, Old Bond-street, 8 P.M.; British Architects, 16, Grosvenor-street (anniversary), 8 P.M.; United Service Institution, Whitehall-yard, 9 P.M.; Chem-ical (Society of Arts), Adelphi, 8 P.M.; Medical, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, 8 P.M.

TUESDAY, 6.—Linnæan, Soho-square, 8 P.M.; Horticultural, 21, Regent-street, 3 P.M.; Civil Engineers, 25, Great George-street, 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 7.—Society of Arts, Adelphi, 8 P.M.

THURSDAY, 8.—Royal, Somerset-house, 8½ P.M.; Antiquaries, Somerset-house, 8 P.M.; Royal Society of Literature, 4, St. Martin's-place, 4 P.M.; Medico-Botanical, 32, Sackville-street, 8 P.M.

FRIDAY, 9.—Astronomical, Somerset-house, 8 P.M.; Royal Institution, Albemarle-street, 8½ P.M.; Philological, 49, Pall Mall, 8 P.M.

SATURDAY, 10.—Royal Botanic, Regent's-park, 4 P.M.

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